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Mr. Dulles:

Reports on miscellaneous items of yesterday:

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1. Mix-up in FitzGerald names - The trouble was in Mr. Herter's office. In trying to reach Des FitzGerald they called Dr. FitzGerald by mistake, twice. This has been straightened out in all corners.

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2. [redacted] This is the man Gordon Gray asked you about. He is a staff employee in the Office of Security. He considers himself an old friend of Gray and stopped in his office on a purely personal call the other day. Gray was busy and could not see him but when he heard of the call he could not place the individual. I have given Mr. Gray's secretary further identifying data on [redacted]. Gray's memory is refreshed, and all is well.

3. Murray Snyder's comment on a ballistic missile firing last year

As we suspected, Snyder was indulging in semantic byplay on this one. Pete Scoville tells me that last year the Army pieced together two or three missiles, each of which had a range in the hundreds of miles. They then added extra booster charges and fired the entire contraption. This was in the nature of a stunt rather than a serious scientific effort. According to Pete, it in no way represents a step forward in the development of a real ICBM.

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